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To Whom It May Concern:

The proposed Microsoft Settlement primarily addresses present and future concerns of commercial entities. It seems that this will promote a better relationship between OEMs and Microsoft. It, however, does not fully address past behavior of Microsoft. Microsoft's grievances have limited OEMs and others in what they could do with their(the OEM's) products. The proposed settlement does not fully address this past behavior.

Microsoft through their forceful agreements with OEMs and others has blocked other companies and non-commercial entities from getting a fair chance to compete. Unfortunately, these actions have already occurred. The future restrictions that will be placed on Microsoft in this settlement will not give competitors the ability to catch up with Microsoft.

I am opposed to the currently proposed settlement. I feel it lacks significant punishment for past actions on behalf of Microsoft. It also fails to the provisions necessary to allow for a truly competitive operating systems market. There is also little to no provision for non-commercial software and development, which also is struggling to find its place in the market.

Sincerely,

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